

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate be in a period of morning business with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to executive session for the consideration of Executive Calendar Nos. 272 through 295 and all the nominations on the Secretary's desk in the Air Force, Army, and Navy and that the commerce committee be discharged from further consideration of PN601 and PN641; that all the nominations be confirmed en bloc, and the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate; that no further motions be in order; that any statements related to the nominations be printed in the RECORD; and that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

The nominations considered and confirmed are as follows:

IN THE ARMY

The following Army National Guard of the United States officer for appointment in the Reserve of the Army to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., sections 12203 and 12211:

To be major general

Brig. Gen. David S. Baldwin

IN THE AIR FORCE

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Air Force to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 624:

To be brigadier general

Col. Aaron M. Prupas

IN THE ARMY

The following named officer for appointment as the Chief of Staff of the Army and appointment in the United States Army to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., sections 601 and 3033:

To be general

Gen. Mark A. Milley

IN THE NAVY

The following named officer for appointment as Chief of Naval Operations and appointment in the United States Navy to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., sections 601 and 5033:

To be admiral

Adm. John M. Richardson

IN THE AIR FORCE

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Air Force to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 624:

To be brigadier general

Col. Christopher P. Azzano

IN THE MARINE CORPS

The following named officer for appointment as Commandant of the Marine Corps and appointment in the United States Marine Corps to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., sections 601 and 5043:

To be general

Lt. Gen. Robert B. Neller

IN THE AIR FORCE

The following named officer for appointment in the Reserve of the Air Force to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 12203:

To be major general

Brig. Gen. Theron G. Davis

IN THE ARMY

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Army to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

To be lieutenant general

Maj. Gen. John M. Murray

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Army to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

To be lieutenant general

Lt. Gen. Anthony R. Ierardi

The following named officer for appointment in the Reserve of the Army to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 12203:

To be major general

Brig. Gen. Garrett S. Yee

The following named officer for appointment in the Reserve of the Army to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 12203:

To be major general

Brig. Gen. Patrick J. Reinert

IN THE NAVY

The following named officer for appointment to the grade of admiral in the United States Navy while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601, and title 50, U.S.C., section 2511:

To be admiral

Vice Adm. James F. Caldwell, Jr.

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Navy to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

To be vice admiral

Vice Adm. Joseph P. Aucoin

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Navy to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 624:

To be rear admiral (lower half)

Capt. Cedric E. Pringle

IN THE ARMY

The following Army National Guard of the United States officers for appointment in the Reserve of the Army to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., sections 12203 and 12211:

To be brigadier general

Colonel Brett W. Andersen

Colonel Wallace S. Bonds

Colonel John C. Boyd

Colonel David L. Boyle

Colonel Mark N. Brown

Colonel Robert D. Burke

Colonel Thomas M. Carden, Jr.

Colonel Patrick J. Center
Colonel Laura L. Clellan
Colonel Johanna P. Clyborne
Colonel Alan C. Cranford
Colonel Anita K.W. Curington
Colonel Darrell D. Darnbush
Colonel Aaron R. Dean, II
Colonel Damian T. Donahoe
Colonel John H. Edwards, Jr.
Colonel Lee M. Ellis
Colonel Pablo Estrada, Jr.
Colonel James R. Finley
Colonel Thomas C. Fisher
Colonel Lapthe C. Flora
Colonel Michael S. Funk
Colonel Michael J. Garshak
Colonel Harrison B. Gilliam
Colonel Michael J. Glisson
Colonel Wallace A. Hall, Jr.
Colonel Kenneth S. Hara
Colonel Marcus R. Hatley
Colonel Gregory J. Hirsch
Colonel John E. Hoefert
Colonel Lee W. Hopkins
Colonel Lyndon C. Johnson
Colonel Russell D. Johnson
Colonel Peter S. Kaye
Colonel Jesse J. Kirchmeier
Colonel Richard C. Knowlton
Colonel Martin A. Lafferty
Colonel Edwin W. Larkin
Colonel Bruce C. Linton
Colonel Kevin D. Lyons
Colonel Robert B. McCastlain
Colonel Mark D. McCormack
Colonel Marshall T. Michels
Colonel Michael A. Mitchell
Colonel Shawn M. O'Brien
Colonel David F. O'Donahue
Colonel John O. Payne
Colonel Troy R. Phillips
Colonel Rafael A. Ribas
Colonel Edward D. Richards
Colonel Hamilton D. Richards
Colonel John W. Schroeder
Colonel Scott C. Sharp
Colonel Cary A. Shillcutt
Colonel Bennett E. Singer
Colonel Raymond G. Strawbridge
Colonel Tracey J. Trautman
Colonel Suzanne P. Vares-Lum
Colonel David N. Vesper
Colonel Clint E. Walker
Colonel James B. Waskom
Colonel Michael J. Willis
Colonel Kurtis J. Winstead
Colonel David E. Wood

The following Army National Guard of the United States officer for appointment in the Reserve of the Army to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., sections 12203 and 12211:

To be brigadier general

Col. Laura L. Yeager

The following Army National Guard of the United States officer for appointment in the Reserve of the Army to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., sections 12203 and 12211:

To be brigadier general

Col. William J. Edwards

The following Army National Guard of the United States officer for appointment in the Reserve of the Army to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., sections 12203 and 12211:

To be major general

Brig. Gen. Robert W. Enzenauer

The following Army National Guard of the United States officers for appointment in the Reserve of the Army to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., sections 12203 and 12211:

To be major general

Brigadier General Randy A. Alewel

Brigadier General Craig E. Bennett
 Brigadier General Allen E. Brewer
 Brigadier General Brian R. Copes
 Brigadier General Benjamin J. Corell
 Brigadier General Peter L. Corey
 Brigadier General Steven Ferrari
 Brigadier General Ralph H. Groover, III
 Brigadier General William A. Hall
 Brigadier General Brian C. Harris
 Brigadier General Richard J. Hayes, Jr.
 Brigadier General Samuel L. Henry
 Brigadier General Barry D. Keeling
 Brigadier General Keith A. Klemmer
 Brigadier General William J. Lieder
 Brigadier General Dana L. McDaniel
 Brigadier General Rafael O'Ferrall
 Brigadier General Joanne F. Sheridan

IN THE MARINE CORPS

The following named officer for appointment as Commander, Marine Forces Reserve, and appointment to the grade indicated in the United States Marine Corps while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., sections 601 and 5144:

To be lieutenant general

Maj. Gen. Rex C. McMillian

The following named officer for appointment to the grade of lieutenant general in the United States Marine Corps while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

To be lieutenant general

Lt. Gen. Robert R. Ruark

IN THE AIR FORCE

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Air Force to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C. section 601:

To be lieutenant general

Lt. Gen. Samuel D. Cox

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Air Force to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

To be lieutenant general

Maj. Gen. Gina M. Grosso

IN THE NAVY

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Navy to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

To be vice admiral

Vice Adm. Paul A. Grosklags

NOMINATIONS PLACED ON THE SECRETARY'S DESK

IN THE AIR FORCE

PN608 AIR FORCE nomination of Jesse L. Johnson, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 24, 2015.

PN665 AIR FORCE nomination of Jose M. Goyos, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 15, 2015.

PN691 AIR FORCE nomination of John C. Boston, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 23, 2015.

PN692 AIR FORCE nomination of John A. Christ, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 23, 2015.

PN720 AIR FORCE nomination of Richard H. Fillman, Jr., which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 29, 2015.

IN THE ARMY

PN250 ARMY nomination of Thomas M. Cherepko which as received by the Senate

and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 4, 2015.

PN417 ARMY nomination of Eric R. Davis, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 28, 2015.

PN693 ARMY nomination of Stephen T. Wolpert, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 23, 2015.

PN694 ARMY nomination of Jenifer E. Hey, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 23, 2015.

PN695 ARMY nomination of Michael R. Starkey, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 23, 2015.

PN696 ARMY nomination of Deepa Hariprasad, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 23, 2015.

PN697 ARMY nomination of Dale T. Waltman, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 23, 2015.

PN698 ARMY nominations (26) beginning VINCENT E. BUGGS, and ending JAMES M. ZEPP, III, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 23, 2015.

PN699 ARMY nominations (216) beginning SHONTELLE C. ADAMS, and ending JOSEPH S. ZUFFANTI, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 23, 2015.

PN700 ARMY nominations (66) beginning ANDREA C. ALICEA, and ending GIOVANNY F. ZALAMAR, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 23, 2015.

PN701 ARMY nominations (263) beginning ERIC B. ABDUL, and ending SARA I. ZOESCH, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 23, 2015.

PN702 ARMY nominations (185) beginning GARY S. ANSELMO, and ending JOHN G. ZIERDT, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 23, 2015.

PN721 ARMY nominations (3) beginning DEAN R. KLENZ, and ending JAMES J. RICHE, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 29, 2015.

PN722 ARMY nominations (2) beginning RICHARD L. BAILEY, and ending KENNETH S. SHEDAROWICH, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 29, 2015.

PN723 ARMY nominations (21) beginning WILLIAM ANDINO, and ending CHRISTOPHER P. WILLARD, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 29, 2015.

PN724 ARMY nominations (47) beginning DAVID B. ANDERSON, and ending CARL W. THURMOND, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 29, 2015.

PN725 ARMY nominations (5) beginning JERRY G. BAUMGARTNER, and ending MAURI M. THOMAS, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 29, 2015.

PN726 ARMY nominations (22) beginning ELIZABETH A. ANDERSON, and ending MARGARET L. YOUNG, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 29, 2015.

PN727 ARMY nominations (12) beginning TONIA M. CROWLEY, and ending CHERYL M. K. ZEISE, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 29, 2015.

PN728 ARMY nominations (6) beginning JENNIFER M. AHRENS, and ending TODD

W. TRAVER, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 29, 2015.

PN729 ARMY nominations (24) beginning RAMIE K. BARFUSS, and ending DENTONIO WORRELL, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 29, 2015.

PN730 ARMY nominations (119) beginning DAVID J. ADAM, and ending VICTORY Y. YU, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 29, 2015.

PN731 ARMY nominations (7) beginning APRIL CRITELLI, and ending GREGG A. VIGEANT, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 29, 2015.

PN732 ARMY nominations (9) beginning THOMAS F. CALDWELL, and ending BRONSON B. WHITE, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 29, 2015.

PN733 ARMY nominations (3) beginning CAROL L. COPPOCK, and ending MARIE N. WRIGHT, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 29, 2015.

PN734 ARMY nominations (3) beginning NORMAN S. CHUN, and ending HARRY W. HATCH, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 29, 2015.

PN735 ARMY nominations (11) beginning LAVETTA L. BENNETT, and ending CRAIG W. STRONG, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 29, 2015.

IN THE NAVY

PN703 NAVY nomination of Audry T. Oxley, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 23, 2015.

PN704 NAVY nomination of Mark B. Lyles, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 23, 2015.

PN705 NAVY nominations (4) beginning RUSSELL P. BATES, and ending HORACIO G. TAN, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 23, 2015.

PN706 NAVY nominations (24) beginning SYLVESTER C. ADAMAH, and ending CHADWICK D. WHITE, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 23, 2015.

PN707 NAVY nominations (46) beginning RUBEN A. ALCOCER, and ending MELISSIA A. WILLIAMS, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 23, 2015.

PN708 NAVY nominations (50) beginning ACCURSIA A. BALDASSANO, and ending JACQUELINE R. WILLIAMS, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 23, 2015.

PN709 NAVY nominations (18) beginning JASON S. AYEROFF, and ending BRENT E. TROYAN, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 23, 2015.

PN710 NAVY nominations (50) beginning JERRY J. BAILEY, and ending ERIN R. WILFONG, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 23, 2015.

PN711 NAVY nominations (21) beginning WILLIAM M. ANDERSON, and ending JEFFREY R. WESSEL, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 23, 2015.

PN712 NAVY nominations (95) beginning MARIA A. ALAVANJA, and ending VINCENT A. I. ZIZAK, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 23, 2015.

IN THE COAST GUARD

The following named officer for appointment as Vice Commandant, United States Coast Guard, and to the grade indicated under title 14, U.S.C., section 47:

To be vice admiral

Vice Adm. Charles D. Michel

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Coast Guard to the grade indicated under title 14, U.S.C., section 211(a)(2):

To be lieutenant commander

Stephen R. Bird

NOMINATION OF DAVID HALE TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF PAKISTAN

NOMINATION OF ATUL KESHAP TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF SRI LANKA, AND TO SERVE CONCURRENTLY AND WITHOUT ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION AS AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE REPUBLIC OF MALDIVES

NOMINATION OF ALAINA B. TEPLITZ TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE FEDERAL DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF NEPAL

NOMINATION OF WILLIAM A. HEIDT TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE KINGDOM OF CAMBODIA

NOMINATION OF GLYN TOWNSEND DAVIES TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE KINGDOM OF THAILAND

NOMINATION OF JENNIFER ZIMDAHL GALT TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO MONGOLIA

NOMINATION OF SHEILA GWALTNEY TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE KYRGYZ REPUBLIC

NOMINATION OF PERRY L. HOLLOWAY TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE CO-OPERATIVE REPUBLIC OF GUYANA

NOMINATION OF KATHLEEN ANN DOHERTY TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS

NOMINATION OF HANS G. KLEMM TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO ROMANIA

NOMINATION OF JAMES DESMOND MELVILLE, JR., TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE REPUBLIC OF ESTONIA

NOMINATION OF PETER F. MULREAN TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE REPUBLIC OF HAITI

NOMINATION OF LAURA FARNSWORTH DOGU TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE REPUBLIC OF NICARAGUA

NOMINATION OF PAUL WAYNE JONES TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE REPUBLIC OF POLAND

NOMINATION OF MICHELE THOREN BOND TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE (CONSULAR AFFAIRS)

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of the following nominations en bloc: Calendar Nos. 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 256,

257, 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 264, and 265; that the Senate vote on the nominations en bloc without intervening action or debate; that the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate; that no further motions be in order to the nominations; that any statements related to the nominations be printed in the RECORD; and that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

The Senate proceeded to consider the nominations en bloc.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the nominations of David Hale, of New Jersey, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Islamic Republic of Pakistan; Atul Keshap, of Virginia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Maldives; Alaina B. Teplitz, of Illinois, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Federal Democratic Republic of Nepal; William A. Heidt, of Pennsylvania, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Kingdom of Cambodia; Glyn Townsend Davies, of the District of Columbia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Kingdom of Thailand; Jennifer Zimdahl Galt, of Colorado, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Kingdom of Mongolia; Sheila Gwaltney, of California, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Kyrgyz Republic; Perry L. Holloway, of South Carolina, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Co-operative Republic of Guyana; Kathleen Ann Doherty, of New York, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and